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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claim 10 has been amended without prejudice to include the elements of Claim 12, Claim 12 has been canceled and Claims 1-11 and 13-17 remain pending. Applicant has also addressed each of the issues raised in the Office Action to place this application in condition for allowance pursuant to Examiner's indication. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of Claims 10-11, 13-14 with respect to Williams in view of Smith, Claims 15-16 with respect to Williams and Smith in view of Archard et al. and Claim 17 with respect to Williams and Smith in view of Gurnee under 35 USC Section 103(a). Applicant submits that Williams, Smith, Archard et al. and Gurnee do not disclose, motivate or suggest Applicant's claimed invention or the proffered combinations and can not be combined to arrive at Applicant's claimed invention. Williams, Smith, Archard et al. and Gurnee fail to render the claimed invention obvious. Notwithstanding, Applicant amended Claim 10 to include the limitations of Claim 12 in accordance with Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 10-11 and 13-17 are in condition for allowance.

For the reasons indicated above, Applicant asserts that Claims 10-11 and 13-17 patentably distinguish Applicant's claimed invention over the references cited by the Examiner, and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the above rejections be reconsidered

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and withdrawn since the overall invention, as recited in Applicant's claims is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art, either individually or in combination. Moreover, it is noted that Claims 1-9 have been allowed.

Any outstanding fees owing may be charged to Deposit Account No. 501708. Should the Examiner have any concerns or comments, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference in order to expedite this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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